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SUBJ: EXPLOSION OF LETHAL GAS IN LOMBARDY

REF: (A) ROME 11893; (B) 11963; (C) 11966; (D) STATE 182710;

(E) STATE 183388

FOLLOWING DATA HAS BEEN RECEIVED FROM MINISTRY OF HEALTH ON  
THIS SUBJECT:

1. CLOUD OF TOXIC GAS LEAKED FROM THE ICMESA FACTORY IN  
MEDA (MILAN) ON JULY 10, 1976.
2. FACTORY'S PRODUCTION: VARIOUS SUBSTANCES INCLUDING  
TRICHLOROPHENOL.
3. SUBSTANCE CONTAINED IN THE TOXIC CLOUD: TETRACHLORO  
BENZOPARADIOXINE (TCDD)
4. AREAS INVOLVED:

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(A) ZONE A, HIGHLY POLLUTED: AREA 18 HECTARES, TRI-

ANGULAR SHAPE; 218 INHABITANTS (40 CHILDREN); CULTIVATED AS GRAZING MEADOWS WITH SPARSE TREES; RATHER FLAT; WITH HEAVY NETWORK OF LOCAL ROADS; FACTORY FOR WOOD WORKING ALSO PRESENT IN THE AREA WITH ANNEXED WOOD DEPOSIT AND POOL.

B. ZONE B, LESS POLLUTED; AREA 107 HECTARES; TRAPEZOIDAL SHAPE, INHABITANTS ABOUT 1800; CULTIVATED AS GRAZING MEADOWS WITH SPARSE TREES, RATHER FLAT, HEAVY ROAD NETWORK.

ON BOTH ZONES 80 HEAD OF LIVESTOCK PLUS NUMEROUS FARMYARD ANIMALS ARE PRESENT.

5. DATA CONCERNING THE CONCENTRATION RATE OF TCDD IN THE GRASS, LEAVES AND SOIL WILL BE SUPPLIED AS SOON AS THE RESULTS OF ANALYSES PRESENTLY BEING MADE WILL BE AVAILABLE. VOLPE

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